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CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**COUNTY FISCAL LETTER NO. 21/22-36**

This letter provides County Welfare Departments (CWDs) and County Probation Departments (CPDs) with claiming instructions for family-based Wraparound aftercare services required by the Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) and as implemented in California through Assembly Bill (AB) 153.



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COUNTY FISCAL LETTER (CFL) NO. 21/22-36

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY FISCAL OFFICERS  
ALL COUNTY AUDITOR CONTROLLERS  
ALL CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS

SUBJECT: FAMILIES FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT (FFPSA)  
PART IV WRAPAROUND AFTERCARE SERVICES CLAIMING  
INSTRUCTIONS

REFERENCE: ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE [\(ACIN\) I-52-15](#);  
[ACIN I-73-21](#);  
[ALL COUNTY LETTER 21-116](#);  
COUNTY FISCAL LETTER [\(CFL\) 20/21-94](#);  
ASSEMBLY BILL [\(AB\) 153](#) (CHAPTER 86, STATUTES OF 2021);  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFORMATION NOTICE [\(BHIN\) 21-062](#);  
PUBLIC LAW [\(PL\) 115-123](#);  
HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE [\(HSC\) SECTION 1562.01](#);  
WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE [\(WIC\) 4096.6](#);  
[WIC 18250](#)

## PURPOSE

The purpose of this CFL is to provide County Welfare Departments (CWD) and County Probation Departments (CPD) with claiming instructions for Wraparound aftercare services related to FFPSA Part IV as required by [PL 115-123](#) and implemented in California through [AB 153](#). For information on the Department of Health Care Services aftercare services funding, see [BHIN 21-062](#). Information on the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) allocation will be provided in a forthcoming CFL.

## OVERVIEW AND BACKGROUND

The FFPSA reforms Title IV-E under the Social Security Act to, in part, limit reliance on congregate care for children in foster care. As part of this reform, Part IV of the FFPSA established the requirement to provide six months of

family-based aftercare services to eligible youth and nonminor dependents (NMDs) transitioning from a Qualified Residential Treatment Program to a family-based setting. To implement this requirement in California, [AB 153](#) created [WIC 4096.6](#), which states that, on or after October 1, 2021, each county child welfare agency, probation department, and mental health plan shall jointly provide, arrange for, or ensure the provision of the six months of aftercare services for children and NMDs who are discharged from a Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRTP) or out-of-state residential facility to a family-based setting. STRTPs, in accordance with [HSC 1562.01](#), include in their program statements a description of how, in accordance with the child's case plan and the child and family team recommendations, they will provide for, arrange for the provision of, or assist in the development of an individualized family-based aftercare support plan that identifies necessary supports, services, and treatment to be provided for at least six months post discharge. Aftercare planning may benefit from coordination between STRTPs and CWDs. California implemented Part IV of FFPSA on October 1, 2021.

Aftercare services must be family-based and individualized and must support each child's permanency plan. Family-based aftercare services are to be developed by the county child welfare agency, probation department, and mental health plan, in consultation with the local interagency leadership team, to foster program development and resource sharing, in accordance with [System of Care for Children and Youth](#) efforts and the California Wraparound Standards as outlined in [ACIN I-52-15](#). Aftercare services provided to youth transitioning from STRTPs to supervised independent living settings, as defined in [WIC section 11400\(x\)](#), is permitted and encouraged but not required.

California is utilizing a phased-in approach to high-fidelity Wraparound implementation for family-based aftercare. Phase one will include an initial implementation of family-based aftercare services leveraging current Wraparound programs and other resources for all California Counties by October 1, 2021. Phase two will include implementation using California's high-fidelity Wraparound model and must be fully implemented and fully compliant with the California Wraparound Standards, as outlined in [ACIN I-52-15](#), by no later than October 1, 2022. For the purpose of this letter, "Wraparound aftercare services" refers to those services used by the county to implement family-based aftercare as described [WIC 4096.6](#) during both phases.

## **WRAPAROUND AFTERCARE FUNDS**

Wraparound aftercare should provide service delivery through an integrated systems approach and can be used to leverage existing Wraparound program funds and other resources while planning and incrementally implementing full, high-fidelity Wraparound. While the Wraparound aftercare allocation is intended to fund services and supports in alignment with the California Wraparound Standards, these funds are not part of the realigned Wraparound program payments described in [WIC 18250-18258](#) and do not have the same flexibility as the funds in the Wraparound Trust Fund. The Wraparound aftercare funds allocated to child welfare and probation as part of California's implementation of FFPSA requirements must be kept separate from funding for Medi-Cal Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment Program (EPSDT) services, and cannot be merged into the Wraparound Program Trust Funds. For Medi-Cal beneficiaries, Federal Financial Participation (FFP) under the Medi-Cal program may be available for family-based aftercare services if all state and federal requirements are met and the service is medically necessary, regardless of the six months post-discharge requirement. Please refer to the [ACIN I-73-21](#) for more information on Medi-Cal eligible activities.

## **FLEXIBLE FUNDING**

[ACIN I-52-15](#) outlines the standards that are related to the use of Wraparound flexible funding. Fiscal practices, procedures, and structures should be aligned with the values and principles of Wraparound to ensure and support the provision of strengths-based, family-centered, needs-driven, and individualized process. Although these funds are intended to be flexible to meet the individualized needs of the child and family being served, unlike the realigned Wraparound program, as described in [WIC 18250](#), these unspent funds cannot be pooled nor included in Wraparound Trust Funds and can only be used to provide wraparound aftercare services to children and nonminor dependents who are discharged from an STRTP. For more information on claiming instructions for Wraparound as described in [WIC 18250](#), please refer to [CFL 20/21-94](#).

## **CLAIMING INSTRUCTIONS**

Effective October 1, 2021, costs for FFPSA Part IV Wraparound Aftercare will be claimed to Program Code (PC) 0862 -Wraparound Aftercare Services.

## TIME STUDY CODE DESCRIPTION

### CODE 0862 WRAPAROUND AFTERCARE SERVICES

Includes activities directed to a child for six months post discharge from a STRTP or from an out-of-state residential facility to a family-based setting. Activities are family-based and implemented as part of an individualized, child-specific transition plan in a manner that supports the child's permanency plan and incorporates the recommendations of the qualified individual. Wraparound aftercare service activities include an array of integrated services and supports. Allowable Wraparound aftercare activities include, but are not limited to:

- Child Welfare Services/Case Management System (CWS/CMS) data entry related to the provision of family-based aftercare services.
- Aftercare outcomes and evaluations measures related to the provision of family-based aftercare services, including data entry.
- Case management for family-based aftercare services only.
- Direct service provided through family-based aftercare (e.g. family finding, permanency planning, concrete supports, housing assistance, transportation assistance other than to health care services, food assistance, general support to caregivers and natural supports).
- Peer and family partners specific to family-based aftercare only.
- Family finding and engagement specific to family-based aftercare only (which may include travel expenses for visitation).
- Building natural supports for the family and connecting the child or family with community organizations to enhance family networks related to the provision of family-based aftercare services.
- Respite care related to the provision of family-based aftercare services.
- Recognition of child and family achievements, case plan implementation strategies to support child and youth engagement, and skill building activities for the child and family related to the provision of family-based aftercare services. Assessing the needs of the child and family related to the provision of family-based aftercare services in alignment with the California Wraparound Standards.
- Referrals to services when necessary.

CODE TYPE	CODE NUMBER	CODE TITLE
PC	0862	WRAPAROUND AFTERCARE SERVICES-CWD
TSC	08621	WRAPAROUND AFTERCARE SERVICES
PIN	08620031	CONTRACTED ACTIVITIES
PIN	08620068	DIRECT COSTS

CODE TYPE	CODE NUMBER	CODE TITLE
PIN	08620088-091*	SUPPORT OPERATING
PIN	08620092	CASEWORK OT/CTO COSTS
PIN	08620093	SUPPORT STAFF OT/CTO COSTS
PIN	08620094	START-UP/NONRECURRING COSTS
DTP	A98	DIRECT-TO-PROGRAM – SUPPORT STAFF

*The sharing ratio for PC 0862 is 00/50/00/50 (Federal/State/Health/County).*

Costs claimed in excess of the Wraparound Aftercare Services allocation will be shifted to SUO code 0771 (Wraparound Aftercare Services – Overmatch) which is funded at 100 percent county-only. The CWDs should continue to claim to PC 0862 even if the State General Fund (GF) allocation is exhausted.

\*Per [CFL 00/01-78](#), dated May 21, 2001, counties must have a Letter of Intent on file with CDSS to use Support/Operating Type of Expense codes (088-091).

## COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENTS

### CODE 0831 WRAPAROUND AFTERCARE SERVICES

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CODE TYPE	CODE NUMBER	CODE TITLE
PC	0831	PROBATION - WRAPAROUND AFTERCARE SERVICES
PIN	08310059	PROBATION

*The sharing ratio for PC 0831 is 00/50/00/50 (Federal/State/Health/County).*

Costs claimed in excess of the Wraparound Aftercare Services allocation will be shifted to SUO code 0849 (Wraparound Aftercare Services – Probation Overmatch) which is funded at 100 percent county-only. The CPDs should continue to claim to PIN 08310059 even if the State GF allocation is exhausted.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions or need additional direction related to programmatic guidance for Wraparound Services, please contact [WraparoundQuestions@dss.ca.gov](mailto:WraparoundQuestions@dss.ca.gov). Fiscal questions regarding this letter may be directed to [fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov](mailto:fiscal.systems@dss.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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